

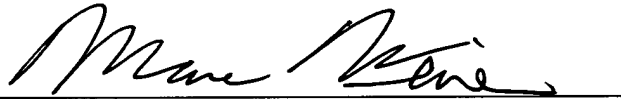
If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, he is requested to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 12 has been amended as follows:

Claim 12 (Twice Amended) A resin composition (c) which is based on polyethylene, comprising

99-65% of a polyethylene resin (a1) having a melt flow rate (MFR) according to ASTM D 1238 (190°C, 2160 g load) in the range from 0.001 to 0.5 g/10 min. and a density in the range from 0.945 to 0.980 g/cm³,

0.5-15% of a modified ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer (a2) which is modified by having grafted thereon an unsaturated dicarboxylic [carboxylic] acid or its anhydride and has a density in the range from 0.900 to 0.940 g/cm³ and

1-25% of an ethylene/vinyl alcohol copolymer (b),

based on the weight of the composition,

and having a melt flow rate (MFR) according to ASTM D 1238 (190°C, 2160 g load) in the range from 0.001 to 0.2 g/10 min., a density in the range from 0.940 to 0.970 g/cm³ and an Izod impact strength (with notch), determined according to ASTM D 256 at minus 40°C, of at least 100 J/m.